

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration as follows:

The rejection of the pending claims as being obvious over Bell (USP 6,832,319) in view of Scheidt (USP 7,095,851)

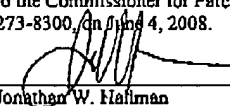
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that, as discussed on page 10, lines 13-19, the generated internal key never leaves the encryption/decryption core. Applicants note that the Bell reference has been interpreted in the October 4, 2007 office action as disclosing all claimed elements but for a generation of a pseudo-random number, a deficiency for which Scheidt was cited to cure. Scheidt, however, discloses the generation of pseudorandom key that is used to encode plaintext into ciphertext as discussed with regard to his Figure 1. Such a key by definition cannot be kept private, it must be shared between the sender and receiver or the receiver cannot decrypt the ciphertext back into plaintext. This again points to the flaw of Bell: Bell never generates an internal key. Instead, Bell's player simply determines a media key from a media key block as discussed with regard to his element 44 in Figure 5. This media key block is common to all the media – which is a flaw of Bell as compared to the method recited in claim 1. In the method of claim 1, the decryption/encryption core generates a private internal key. The media key of Bell is not private – any hacker can read the media key block (which is the same for all Bell disks) and hack away to recover the media key. Scheidt provides no cure whatsoever for such a flaw of Bell. Accordingly, claim 1 is abundantly patentable over the combination of Bell and Scheidt.

In addition, claim 21 has been amended to address the informality noted by the examiner.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 1 – 2, and 6 – 21 are in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (949) 752-7040 is welcomed and encouraged.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, at 571-273-8300, on June 4, 2008.


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